

## TYRANNY IN GERMANY

Russian Priest and His Wife  
Accused of Theft.

## BRUTAL POLICE OFFICIALS

Maltreat Them in the Most  
Outrageous Manner.

New York, Sept. 9.—The Post says:

Early in May the assistant priest of the Russian church, at No. 232 Second avenue, in this city, went abroad with his wife on a brief leave of absence, to visit their relatives in Russia, whom they had not seen for three years. They sailed on the Trave for Bremen. What follows is an account of the affair, published in a recent number of the Novoye Vremya, one of the leading papers of St. Petersburg. The outline of the story, it may be remembered, has been known in this city for some time past. On the ninth day out, the ship gave a ball for the first and second cabin passengers, on which occasion the decorations consisted of the flags of all nations. Father Ilya, on seeing no Russian flag, asked one of the officers why it was absent, and that one might be put up. The officer shrugged his shoulders indifferently, and said they had none on board. Whether this had anything to do with what followed, it is impossible to say. Mme. Zotikoff suffered extremely from sea-sickness all the way over. Therefore, instead of pursuing their original intention to economize their time by going directly on to St. Petersburg, they decided to rest a little, and went to the Hotel Bellevue, near the Berlin railway station. At 11 p. m. as they were about to go to bed, there came a knock at the door. Mme. Zotikoff, half-dressed, answered it, and in walked a man in plain clothes, who announced himself as an agent of the secret police, showed his badge and informed them that they were under arrest, but did not inform them why. Father Ilya, in view of his wife's health, asked that they be allowed to remain under police surveillance, at the hotel until morning. This was refused. They were compelled to dress and accompany the agent, on foot, in a pouring rain, to the distant police station, the time consumed for the trip, in Father Ilya's opinion, being half an hour.

At the station their descriptions were carefully noted down, they were stood up against the door-lamb for measurement, and, dripping and shivering, were taken into separate rooms, where they were stripped of their underclothes and closely searched. No attention was paid to their passport, and when Father Ilya failed to understand a request to open his mouth, (that his teeth might be regarded as a number and quality), an official pulled open the priest's lips with his dirty hands. The physical examination being concluded they were escorted, on foot, separately, by helmeted policemen, to jail. Father Ilya found two beds, by groping, in the pitch-dark cell to which he was conducted one being already occupied, and one intended for his use. He did not use it, being absorbed in alarms for his delicate, sick wife, and for their fate. Mme. Zotikoff found in her cell a woman arrested for thieving, as she herself announced. The only light was from a small round hole in the door, by which the prisoner gazed at a terrified eye at intervals throughout the night. The thief kindly cared for Mme. Zotikoff during the night in the fits of swooning and hysteria which were, not unnaturally, added to her previous sufferings.

At six in the morning Father Ilya was released of his cell, and after he had been forced to empty in the corridor the dirty water in which he had washed, while to the cell-mate was allotted the task of disposing of the very primitive arrangement for their needs which had nauseated Father Ilya more than once during the night. Seven black bread and water were furnished, which Father Ilya could not eat. At eight o'clock he was conducted back to the station-house by uniformed police, to the amazement and interest of the passers-by. For hours he awaited the arrival of an interpreter, who had been sent for. Mme. Zotikoff, meanwhile, and her husband, who had been escorted, and were kept apart from him for examination. The examination was brief, and it appeared that the accusation against them was that a mail pouch had been stolen from the postoffice room on the steamer, robbed, and found in their cabin after they had left it. The examination, for Father Ilya, as well as for his wife, was as follows:

"Did you pass the mail-room?" "Yes."

"Did you steal a pouch?" "No."

"Did your wife steal a pouch?" "No."

"You say where you will," said the officials, who had hardly listened to the replies. So about one o'clock, husband and wife were reunited, and shook the dust of Bremen from their garments as soon as possible, after Ilya adds that there certainly was no mailpouch in their cabin when they left it, as they carefully examined it before leaving, as most travelers do. Moreover, he doubts whether any mail-pouch was missing at all, because the mails were taken from the steamer before the passengers, and he himself saw the officer with the regulation receipt there in his hand, which would have involved discovery of the theft and detention of all the passengers had anything really been wrong with the mail.

Bremen, on the train, Father Ilya, a modest, quiet, calm man, not given in the least to "nerves," was taken, for the first time in his life, with fainting fits, and hysteria. He and his wife have been ill ever since with the physical shock and the mortification, and have been unable to return to their post here, though their leave expired on July 12. There can be no question whatever of Father Ilya's entire innocence and uprightness, and of his wife's, in the minds of any persons who knew them. Moreover, it seems difficult to understand that setting aside his priestly character, any official could possibly mistake their gentle, inoffensive character. Apparently, no explanation has been furnished by the Germans.

## PAWNING OF PENSIONS

Is an Abuse For Which the Law Provides No Penalty.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—An appendix to the annual report of the commissioner of pensions has been made public. It contains statistics in regard to the work of the office. Reports from various divisions of the bureau are incorporated. It is stated that the pawning or pledging of pension certificates is a growing evil, and some stringent measures should be adopted to reach the offenders, and, if possible, to effectually stop it. It has been developed by investigations made in several cases of this nature, that

unscrupulous persons have accepted as security for money loaned to needy pensioners their pension certificates and vouchers, charging them interest on the amounts so loaned ranging from 5 to 50 per cent per month. This practice is not confined to any one place, but is indulged in to a greater or less extent in most, if not all of the principal cities throughout the country.

The present law governing the pawning or pledging of pension certificates is inadequate to reach the offenders. The sum of \$1,250.32, improperly obtained under pension claims, was recovered by special examiners, and judgments were rendered in four civil suits aggregating \$1,414.22, though they have not yet been realized upon. This only represents a portion of the money recovered, as reclamation on forged checks is made through the treasury department.

## DR. BARBEE CLEARED

Of Charges of Crookedness by His Methodist Brethren

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9.—Several days ago Dr. J. A. Orman, presiding elder of the Murfreesboro district of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, upon his own motion and by virtue of the authority vested in him by the church discipline, appointed a committee of ministers to investigate rumors that involved the moral character of Dr. J. D. Barbee, book agent of the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. These rumors grew out of the Methodist publishing house claim matter.

The committee met yesterday at McKendree church and after a session lasting all day gave out the following statement: "The committee, after carefully and prayerfully examining all the testimony in the case, unanimously report a trial before the Tennessee conference, soon to meet, unnecessary, thereby vindicating the good name of Dr. Barbee."

## GOT DIVORCED TOO QUICK

Waiting Would Have Been Worth

Denver, Sept. 9.—The rights of Major William Cooke Daniels as sole heir to the estate of his father, the late William B. Daniels, the millionaire dry goods merchant, have been confirmed. Judge Riker, of the United States circuit court, has decided against the claim of Mrs. Lillian B. Daniels for the widow's half of the estate, overruling her contention that her divorce was invalid because it had been obtained by collusion. Major Daniels received an appointment as adjutant general after the breaking out of war with Spain and was in front of Santiago when the surrender was made. He is now ill in New York.

## MEETING INTERSTATE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Aug. 15-17

Sept. 5-12

For the above the Frisco will sell tickets to St. Louis and return at rate of one and one-half fare, certificate plan. For further information call on or address H. O. MORTIMORE, City Ticket Agent, corner Main and Douglas avenue.

## EXCURSION RATES TO OMAHA ACCOUNT OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

The Missouri Pacific Railway offers two classes of tickets:

No. 1.—Tickets on sale from June 1 to October 15, good until November 15 for return, at rate of \$15.20.

No. 2.—Tickets limited to 30 days from date of sale for return, but not later than Nov. 15th, 1899, will be sold on all dates from June 1st to Oct. 15th at rate of \$12.75.

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## NIAGARA FALLS.

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The Santa Fe will sell Homesekers' Excursion tickets on September 20 and October 4 and 18, 1899, to all points in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory at rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.

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## THE AMERICAN NAVY, CUBA AND HAWAII.

A portfolio, in ten parts, sixteen views in each part, of the finest half-tone pictures of the American Navy, Cuba and Hawaii, has just been issued by a publishing house.

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Topeka, Kan., October 19 to 12, 1899. Annual meeting Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly I. O. O. F. of Kansas. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale October 8 to 12, inclusive; good to return until and including October 17, 1899.

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